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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Carson and Albani  
Serial No.: 097616,247  
Filed: July 14, 2000  
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING  
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES  
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Art Unit: 1645  
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1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (1 page);
2. Preliminary Amendment (8 pages);
3. Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);
4. Check No. 536560 in the amount of \$430.00; and
5. Return receipt postcard

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

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This application is entitled to **Small Entity** status.

Further in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 11), entry of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is respectfully requested. It is understood that by this request for an RCE, the appeal in this matter, as requested by the Notice of Appeal filed on February 13, 2003, is withdrawn in accordance with MPEP §1215.01.

Additionally, entry of the enclosed Preliminary Amendment is requested in this RCE. The amendments and comments contained in the Preliminary Amendment include those set forth in the Response After Final, filed January 7, 2003, hereby incorporated by reference.

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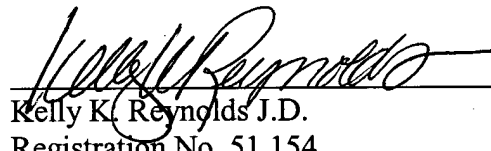
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The fees associated with the filing of this Request for Continued Examination total \$430.00; which consist of \$375.00 for the Request for Continued Examination fee and \$55.00 for the One (1) Month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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